

Quality: What Does it Mean for State MCH Programs?

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Judith S. Shaw, EdD, MPH, RN, FAAP has been Executive Director of the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP) since its inception in 1999. In addition, she is principal investigator for several federally funded projects designed to improve delivery of health care to children, and holds the position of Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. She is the Vermont principle investigator for a CHIPRA Demonstration Grant, conducted in partnership with Maine. Her research focuses on building academic collaborations with state government to leverage local funding for quality improvement research, analysis and evaluation. Dr. Shaw earned her nursing degree from the Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, and bachelor's degree from Yale University, MPH from Boston University, and EdD from the University of Vermont. Nationally, Dr. Shaw is co-editor of the 2007 AAP publication of Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents, Third Edition. In 2007 she received the Director's Award from the Health Resources Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB). She was a DHHS Secretary's Primary Care Health Policy Fellow in 2002, on the Board of Directors of the Academic Pediatric Association from 1999-2002 and from 2009-2012.



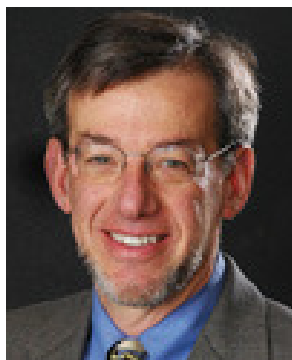
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Paul E. Jarris, MD, MBA is Executive Director of ASTHO. Dr. Jarris served as Vermont's state health official from 2003 to 2006. His past leadership positions include Medical Director for Vermont's largest nonprofit HMO, President of Vermont Permanente Medical Group and CEO of Primary Care Health Partners. He is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and the American Board of Medical Management and is member of the IOM Board on Health Sciences Policy.



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Kaye Bender is the President and CEO of the Public Health Accreditation Board, a position she has held since 2009. Dr. Bender has over 26 years' experience in public health practice and administration, working at both the state and local levels within the Mississippi Department of Health. Her last position there was as Deputy State Health Officer. Dr. Bender also served for 6 years as Dean of the School of Nursing and Associate Vice Chancellor for Nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS. She chaired the Exploring Accreditation Project, funded by CDC and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This study was the precursor to the establishment of the Public Health Accreditation Board, the first national organization charged with administering a national accreditation program for state, local, tribal and territorial health departments in the United States. Dr. Bender also served on the Institute of Medicine study committees for "The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century" and "Who Will Keep the Public Healthy." She has numerous presentations, publications and awards related to her work in governmental public health department performance and quality improvement.



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Dr. Charles Homer co-founded the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) in July 1999 and he currently serves as the organization's President and CEO. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. A member of the federal Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children, Dr. Homer also served as a member of the Institute of Medicine's Pediatric Health and Quality Measurement Committee from 2009-2011; chaired NCQA's Children's Measurement Advisory Panel from 2009-2011; and co-chaired the National Quality Forum (NQF) Child Outcomes Steering Committee from 2009-2010. He represents NICHQ at the National Priority

Partnership, convened by the National Quality Forum. In Massachusetts he served as a member of the Expert Panel on Performance Measurement reporting to the Commonwealth's Quality and Cost Council from 2009-2012. He was a member of the third US Preventive Services Task Force from 2000-2002 and served as chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Quality Improvement from 1999-2001 and its Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management from 2001-2004. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Yale University, his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.